Andhra Pradesh. Only one case of full blown AIDS has been reported from the state.

(b) The National AIDS Control Programme was started in 1987 for prevention and control of AIDS in the country. The activities undertaken so far, include:—

—organising a surveillance system for determining the prevalance and infectivity trends in groups practising high risk behaviour.

—promoting safety of blood and blood products by establishment of testing facilities for screening of blood in blood banks on a zonal basis.

—health education.

—formulation of guideline for hospital infection control.

—training of clinicians and para medical staff in diagnosis and management of HIV infected patients.

—implementing focused activity plans in States/UTs. where a relatively larger number of HIV infected persons have been detected on the basis of surveillance.

National AIDS Control Project is being implemented from the current year for prevention and control of AIDS. The project involves an outlay of Rs. 270 crores and will be implemented for a period of 5 years. Assistance both in cash and kind will be provided to State Governments for carrying or AIDS Control activities.

Gandhi Leprosy Ashram at Tahirpnr, Delhi

229. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Patients of Gandhi Leprosy Ashram Tahirpur in Delhi are deprived of their payments sanctioned by the Central Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that massive corruptions are at its peak in the Leprosy Ashram under the shadow of Planning Officer of the Ashram; and

(c) if so, what measure have been taker with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THAR/ DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Unioi Government does not provide directly an; grant to Gandhi Leprosy Asharam Tahit pur, Delhi. Delhi Administration have in formed that all those who have bee sanctioned financial assistance by ther are given the payment.

(b) According to the Delhi Adminif tration there is no such report.

(c) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में प्राइवेट अस्पताल/नर्सिंग होम

230. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृ करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली में प्राइवेट अस्पतालों अं नर्सिंग होमों के कार्यकलापों की जांच हे एक समिती गठित किये जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्त सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशा द्वारा प्राइवेट अस्पतालों और नर्सिंग होमों लाखों रुपये वार्षिक सहायता के रूप में दि जाते हैं और दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्व उन्हें रियायती दर पर भूमि आबंटित की जाती

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या ऐसे अस्पतालों व नर्सिंग होमों को दी जाने वाली सहायता व उन्हें आबंटित की जाने वाली भूमि में भी जा रही अनियमिताओं के बारे में सरकार व जांच करायेगी ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो जांच समिति का ब्यौ या है और इस संबंध में सरकार क्या क ाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्रीमती डो० के० ताराबेवी सिद्धार्थ) (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि वह प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम चलाने या चिकित्सा सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए विभिन्न संस्थाओं को सहायतानुदान देता है, जो वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान 1,15,33,118 रु० (एक करोड़, पन्द्रह लाख, तैंतीस हजार, एक सौ अठारह) था जिसमें केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम को दिया गया सहायता अनुदान शामिल नहीं है । इन मामलों की समीक्षा अधिकारियों की समिति द्वारा की गई है और अंकेक्षित रिपोर्ट संस्थाओं से प्राप्त की जाती हैं तथा धनराशि रिलीज करने से पूर्व ऐसी संस्थाओं का निरीक्षण भी किया जाता है । भूमि के रियायती आबंटन के मामलों की प्रतिमाह समीक्षा की जाती है । जिन संस्थाओं को धर्मार्थ कार्य की निर्धारित मात्रा के आधार पर रियायती दर पर भूमि आबंटित की गई है उन्हें अधिसूचित करने के लिए कदम उठाए गए हैं ।

(ङ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Releasing Money to Assam Rifles from NEC Funds

231. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of money has been released from the NEC funds to the Assam Rifles and other forces to combat terrorism in the North-East; and

(b) if so, what is the amount provided so far by the NEC to these forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) NQ Sir

(b) Question does not arise.

Expenditure on Freedom Fighters

232 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS" be pleased to state :

(a) the number of freedom fighters in the country who are getting pension and railways passes and since when State-wise ;

(b) the expenditure incurred on freedom fighters so far and present monthly expenditure thereon;

(c) the number of applications pending for pension State-wise; and

(d) the details of the action being taken to dispose of these pending applications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) :

(a) The Freedom Fighter's Pension Scheme, 1972 commenced from 15-8-72. The said Scheme was renamed as 'Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme—1980' made effective from 1-8-1980. As on 1-4-1992 pension has been sanctioned to 1,60,343 freedom fighters. Details of the same are given in Statement I. *(see* below),

Further, the Scheme for issue of Free 1 st Class Railway Passes to freedom fighters came into effect from 19-11-1986. Details of passes issued upto 29th February, 1992 are given in Statement 2 *(see* below).

(b) The present rate of pension is Rs. 750 per month. Each free 1st class Railway Pass costs Rs. 9,264. This Ministry is not maintaining any Statistics about expenditure incurred from time to time. However, the Budget Provision for the year 1991-92 for the grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension—1980 and free 1st Class Railway Passes is Rs. 125 crores md Rs. 35 crores respectively.

(c) Details are given in Statement 3, *(see* lelow).

(d) Special drives are launched from time. to time to dispose off the applications.